## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Plaintiff V.  Defendant	) ) Civil Action No. )
WAIVER OF THE S	ERVICE OF SUMMONS
I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expension of the understand that I, or the entity I represent, wi jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive at I also understand that I, or the entity I represent, make the control of the action is the understand that I, or the entity I represent, make the control of th	summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, urning one signed copy of the form to you.  se of serving a summons and complaint in this case.  Il keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's
United States). If I fail to do so, a default judgment will be	e entered against me or the entity I represent.
Date:	Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party
Printed name of party waiving service of summons	Printed name
	Address
	E-mail address
	Telephone number

## **Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does *not* include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 on the plaintiff and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons had been served.